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Mr. James Wechsler, Editor
The New York Post
New York, N.Y.

Dear Jimmy,

This is what I called you about last Summer. The Preface explains the form and summarizes the history.

I hope you will read this personally, and that you will note that I focus on the Report and the staff and not the Commission or its members. I believe this is both honest and important, and I fear it will not be characteristic of other books of whose imminence I have heard.

If it is possible, I shall include copies of some of the appendix documentation on the chance you may be interested. The Altgens picture is copyrighted by AP, and I have paid for it only for use in this book.

There is no possibility this edition can pay for itself, even if it begins what may be the highest price ever on a paperback. I hope it will attract the commercial publication that has thus far escaped it.

If you did not buy the 26 volumes - and very few did - your Washington people are welcome to the use of mine. I welcome any checking and will do what I can to help it.

In referring to the staff above, I included the FBI, which drafted the initial report for the Commission and supplied it with most of the investigative and technical services. I have the full pages excerpted, obtained them properly, and your Washington staff can see them and satisfy themselves and ~~you~~ the excerpting is faithful. This refers to the last page of the Postscript.

This is a hurried letter in advance of receipt of the copies of the book, for I am without staff or funds and otherwise could not get the letters written. However, I do promise to facilitate any interest or questions you may have.

I don't know whether you ever met my wife. She was my only assistant. The research in this book is represented by about a third of a million words of notes.

Thank you for any interest you may have or anything you can do, and I do hope when this whole thing is public you will be among those who point in the right direction, not against the Commission or its chairman.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg